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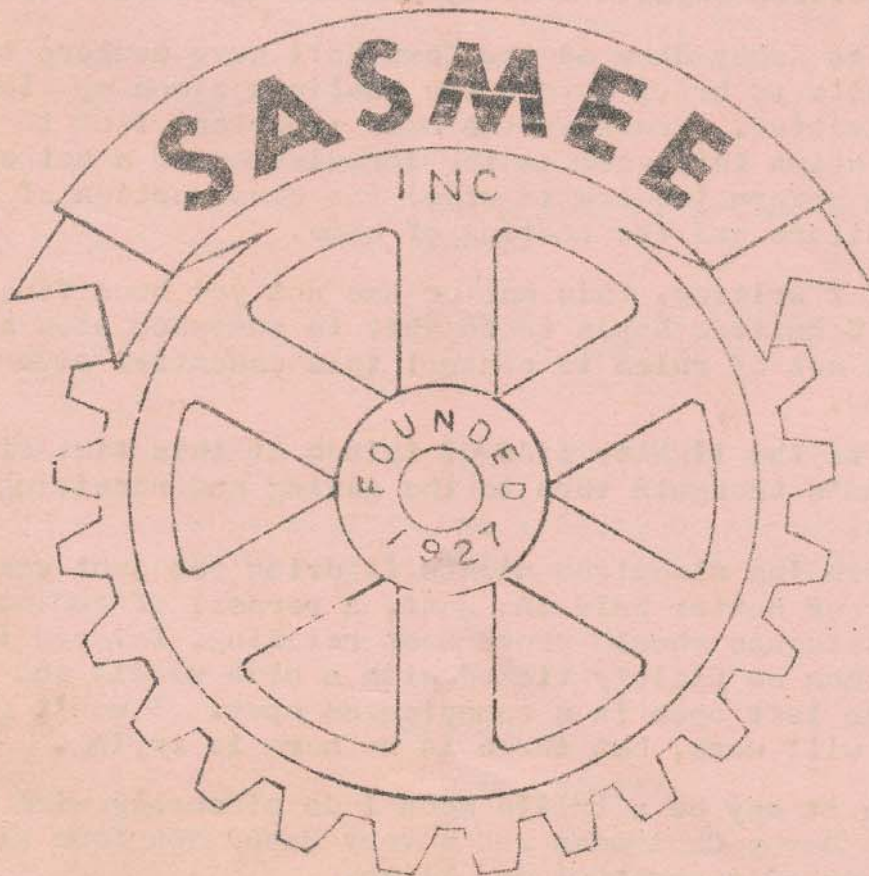
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BULLETIN

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

OF MODEL AND EXPERIMENTAL ENGINEERS.





EDITORIAL

Once again the Christmas Season is just a few weeks away and another year of our Society nearing its end. I think that you will all agree that it has been a good year in most respects, our biggest regret, the loss of several members who have passed on. Our sympathy goes out to those families who will miss a loved one at the Festive board.

The past months have witnessed steady improvements to our Park, interesting factory tours and an interchange of visits between Whyalla Society Members and ourselves.

The recent Hobby Show at the Town Hall gave members the opportunity to bring before the Public a close up view of our activities. Probably the most important item to hold our attention this year is the formulation of a set of rules to govern (Australia wide) the construction of model steam boilers and the testing of same.

At time of writing, this matter has not yet been finalised but the Committee hopes to be able to announce soon a definite set of rules to control this essential side of modelling.

Turning to the lighter side of things at this time of the year, one's thoughts turn to the giving and receiving of presents.

After spending sleepless nights figuring out just what would please your better half the most, a perusal of engineers tool catalogues should prove most relaxing, favored items should then be plainly ticked with a blue pencil and the catalogue left open in a conspicuous spot. I won't guarantee that it will work, but there is no harm in trying.

Although it may be a trifle soon I do sincerely wish every Member a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year with many hours of successful modelling.

OBITUARY

The passing of Clyde Mackay, aged 59, better known as Mac by most members at S.A.S.M.E.E. comes as a sad blow to all of us.

He was retired from work at the early age of 53 years by Doctors orders.

During the last 5 or 6 years he had several visits to Hospital as an in-patient.

Some 20 years or so ago he came to me asking what he could do to keep himself occupied. I suggested that he join S.A.S.M.E.E. and make a small engine or two to get the feel of Model Engineering.

Mac made several of Westburys designs:

1 flat twin two stroke and Horizontal Steam Engine and also a Beam Engine to his design.

Previous to his joining S.A.S.M.E.E., Mac had purchased a Hercus Model A lathe and after a year or so, built a bench drill of our S.A.S.M.E.E. patterns.

In the Loco section of M.E. he built 3½" Gauge Doris, by LBSC. After he retired, he built 5" Gauge Juliet. One thing that comes to mind is the welding on our new 80 ft. trestle bridge which was no mean task for a man not in the best of health.

Written by

G.M. Dunkley.

QUARTERLY AGENDA

GENERAL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

13TH DECEMBER: Claude Miller will speak on Workshop Practice.

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10TH JANUARY: Owing to the Christmas Holidays, there will be no speaker.

14TH FEBRUARY: Mr. C. Schaumloffel of the S.A. Railways will deliver a talk on Railway Practice.

INTERMEDIATE MEETINGS (INFORMAL) 4th Tuesday each month at 8.00 p.m.

27th December 24th January 28th February

WORKING BEES: (Official) 1st Saturday each month at 12 noon.

PUBLIC FIELD DAYS: 3rd Saturday each month 2 - 5 p.m.

17th December 21st January 18th February

CANTEN ROSTERS

GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS (Tuesday Nights)

December

K. Stephens
G. Drodge

January

G. Calvert
B. Brown

February

J. Wakefield
H. Pearce

RESERVES: A. Small, B. Greenslade, C. Miller (Ph. 46 1520)

CANTEEN ROSTER (Cont'd)

FIELD DAYS 3rd Saturday each month.

December

H. Bateup

B. Roman

January

J. Spry

J. Davey

February

B. Brown

G. Dodge

RESERVES:

J. Spry,

D. Irving,

C. Miller

PLEASE NOTE:

DO NOT FORGET THE MILK

NEWS ITEMS FROM INTERSTATE SOCIETIES

Surrey Hills Steam Locomotive Society.

The Moorabbin Council have asked the Society to make slight alterations to their set-up to shorten water and electricity lines. Without altering the original plan, it will improve the site as regards the Club House and portable track. A list of Track Running Rules makes interesting reading and contains many worthwhile ideas.

Whyalla Society of Model Engineers.

Bert Weavell has some complimentary things to say about S.A.S.M.E.E. Members who visited Whyalla in June. In turn we would like to compliment Whyalla on what they have accomplished in a short time, with a much smaller number of members than S.A.S.M.E.E.

The Queensland Society of Model & Experimental Engineers.

A detailed description of a garden locomotive track called "The Claredale Light Railway" is one of several interesting articles in the "Oilcan".

Part II. of an article on the Great Western Railway contains many facts on the operation of this line.

Mention is made of Fred Pascoe and his 5" "Stirling Single".

The Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society.

The report that Mr. Mac. is home and looking fit will come as good news to all Modellers.

I notice that several visitors from New Zealand Societies have been in Sydney lately.

S.A.S.M.E.E. would be very pleased to welcome any Model Engineers from the North and South Islands.

Members are invited to read the various Clubs' Bulletins which are posted on the notice board. It is possible to mention a few items only in this Bulletin, so in order to gain the full picture of Interstate activities you are recommended to read them fully.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Paul Griscti is busy compiling a record of patterns, both Members and S.A.S.M.E.E. He has also undertaken to repair and keep them in good order. I understand that the most used ones will be made in metal. Any member wishing to borrow patterns, should contact Paul.

Thanks Paul.

The charge of 5/- for the use of Patterns has been discontinued.

For a very modest premium an Insurance Policy has been taken with the C.I.C. to cover our Treasurer in the event of being robbed whilst carrying Club Funds.

The Committee has adopted a suggestion by Tom England that all work in various stages of progress, be completed before any new projects are started. In view of the fact that the Easter Convention will be held here next year, it is important that a number of jobs be definitely completed before that date.

In order to speed up the work, John Wakefield has been appointed Assistant Superintendant. If you have a particular trade skill please contact John and he will allot you a job where you can do the most good.

Owen Thomas mentioned to me that the September General Meeting marked his 20 years Membership in S.A.S.M.E.E.

NEWS IN BRIEF (Cont'd)

Dave Worrall, of fairly recent Membership, gave his newly completed 3½" gauge Britannia its maiden run on the occasion of the Whyalla Boys visit. Dave is to be congratulated on an exceptionally fine piece of Model Engineering and it will be a very welcome addition to our Loco fleet. (Is that the correct word Harry?)

Another welcome addition is Murray Mitchell's immaculately finished 5" gauge "Butch". Owing to a broken regulator spindle, we were deprived of the pleasure of seeing it perform on September 24th.

Both of these new Locos are, to my mind, in the exhibition class and great credit is due to their proud owners and builders.

At time of writing, the subway near the station was nearing completion. Besides adding an authentic touch to our set-up, it also contributes to the safety angle for visitors wishing to cross the track. With larger and more powerful locos being built any move which can prevent injury is to be commended.

Tom England has been busy lately on our electrical wiring and has completed the run from Club House to the Steam House.

Members rostered for the opening and closing at gates etc. are gently reminded to keep an eye on the roster for their day of duty for this essential job.

We have had several interstate visitors lately, namely Murray Hill and Alan Parker, both of Melbourne. Also Jim Ranford of Sydney, Jim brought along his "Netta" and had several enjoyable runs on our track. I hear that this loco does a grand job.

Allan Parker who owns a 3½" Britannia is a pilot on one of the air-lines and hopes to bring it over here soon. We have arranged for transport and hope to see it soon in action.

Murray Hill passed some complimentary remarks about the Park and said that he was greatly impressed with what he had seen and learnt.

At time of writing 2 of our Members are in hospital, John Mell in the Queen Elizabeth at Woodville, and Bert Wood in the Adelaide.

I paid a visit to John 2 weeks ago and he was then undergoing a special diet to clear up a gastric ulcer. He told me that if it was not successful, surgery would have to be performed. John's biggest regret was that he was not home working on his "Hielan Lassie".

Alan Frankham, Max Dunkley and Owen Thomas have been to see Bert Wood. Alan tells me that he is in the best of spirits and was very thrilled to receive his visitors. I understand that Bert is nearly 80 years old and will probably undergo an operation for hernia, but he is taking all his troubles in his stride. This is a wonderful spirit and we all hope to see you both well and among us again soon.

BARBECUE - DECEMBER 17TH.

You are all urged to keep this date clear (December Field Day). As soon as running is finished our Chefs will be right on the job of chop and sausage burning. Please bring your own eats. As in past years, this will be a family affair and the ladies and children are invited. It should be a pleasure to be waited upon by your menfolk for a change. I have arranged with Uncle Alan to put on after tea, one of his inimitable shows and he tells me that he has a couple of new acts up his sleeve. The evening will be rounded off with a movie show and slides. So roll up in great numbers and make it a great success.

JUMBLE SALE - SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

This was the usual roaring success that we have come to expect when Uncle takes charge. Under his expert handling as Auctioneer, lot after lot was disposed of at very satisfactory prices. So that nothing be left unsold. Alan found himself loaded up with nearly a sackful of more or less useful ironmongery. I think that Paul Grisetti had something to do with this. Anyway, everybody voted the sale a great success and congratulated themselves on their bargains.

Martin Laird deserves a special word of thanks for his contribution to the sale. He brought along a near new 6 pint blow lamp with extension burner.

At Bob Brown's suggestion it was withdrawn from the Sale as it was too valuable to go for a relatively small sum, and presented to the Society to be held for the use of Members who require heating apparatus for Boiler Brazing etc. Members wishing to borrow it should apply to the Committee.

ANNUAL SHOW OF WORK

Whilst the standard of workmanship was of a very high order, I do not think that we had as many entries as last year.

Several part finished models gave members the opportunity to investigate the innards and added great interest to the proceedings. When the inspection of exhibits was over a vote was taken and results were as follows:

1st	Murray Mitchell	5" Butch
2nd	Dave Worrall	3½" Britannia
	Harry Pearce	5" King John
	(tied for 2nd place)	
3rd	Bob Brown	2½" Garratt

HOBBY SHOW

Our exhibit at the Hobby Show in the Adelaide Town Hall on September 8th, 9th and 10th was probably the highlight of our activities this quarter. The Show was organised by the retail traders of Adelaide and at their request we agreed to participate in the Show.

We were allotted a first class position in the Hall and no member of the public could miss seeing our work.

Harry Pearce did a grand job of manning our stand for 2 days and answering thousands of questions, handing out brochures and generally keeping an eye on the models.

John Welch, Norm Kernick, John Mell, Morrie Turner and others all helped to supply the public with details of S.A.S.M.E.E. and all reported a tremendous interest in our activities.

An air compressor enabled stationary models to be seen in operation and also a traction engine. Along the wall were a fine series of photographs depicting scenes from the boat-pond and track. Our exhibit comprised all phases of modelling of members, namely, various types of boats, speed cars, hydroplanes, stationary steam engines, traction engine, and of course steam locos. Members worked hard on the Wednesday evening to arrange everything to everybody's satisfaction and by ten o'clock the stand was ship shape and ready for the opening.

The organizers of the Show congratulated S.A.S.M.E.E. on our efforts and apart from the great publicity we gained, a useful cheque was handed to our Treasurer for our part in the Adelaide Hobby Show 1966.

We were also featured in the "News" just prior to the Show with an article outlining our Hobby and in Friday evening's "News" Tom England and his 3½" Britannia were there for all to see. The photo was taken in John Welch's workshop and required some quick action to arrange matters as we were advised at very short notice.

The general opinion was that the effort required was well repaid with the results obtained and I think that quite a number of us are looking forward to the next Show.

WHYALLA MODELLERS VISIT S.A.S.M.E.E.

September 24th was the occasion when six of the Whyalla boys paid us a week-end visit. Although the day was rather cool, the weather kept fine and all those present had an enjoyable time. Neil Johns brought along his Diesel and although dogged by occasional chain trouble gave the steam boys a run for their money.

Hot pies and pasties were served for a stand-up luncheon, and when this was over, running was commenced in real earnest and all too soon it was time for tea. A barbecue attended to this part of the programme. By this time it was dark and some of the visitors drove John Wakefield's "Bantam Cook" at express speed. The shower of sparks emitted resembled a rocket taking off and its progress could be followed practically the whole track length. The day was topped off by a fine selection of color slides by John Welsh. By this time I was nearly asleep and was glad to call it a day, but I believe that John took some of the visitors to his home and kept it up until after midnight.

On Sunday, Morrie entertained those who could stagger out of bed; at his home and although not present, I feel sure that the conversation was not about football. Altogether, it was a great week-end which ended all too soon.

Visitors present were as follows:

Max Manchenberg	Neil Johns
Rory Shore	Bert Weavil
Roger Purling	Bill Gillespie

FIELD DAY - OCTOBER 15TH.

In between bursts of sunshine and a cool southerly breeze, another successful field day was held, well attended by the Public.

Attracting attention was Jim Randerd's N/E T Class 5" Gauge loco double-heading with M. Turner's 5" Britannia.

A near record number of engines were using the track and kept the Stationmaster busy with his passengers.

Drivers and their locos

R. Giesecke	3½" 500
J. Ranford	5" N/E T Class
J. Wakefield	3½" Bantam Cock
T. England	3½" Britannia
M. Mitchell	5" Butch
M. Turner	5" Britannia
K. Bradford	5" Firefly
A. Brabham	5" Springbok
A. Bradley	3½" Maisie
J. Moorfield	3½" Netta
"	3½" W.A.R. Diesel
L. Peckham	3½" Juliet

Amongst the visitors, was Mr. Schaumloffel of S.A.R.

BOATS

Conditions were a bit windy on the pond but the following were observed.

N. Kernick	-	Hydroplane	C. Manning	-	Atlantic
H. Broker	-	R/C Polio Launch	A. Wallace	-	Trawler
G. Cram	-	R/C Tug.			

In the Steam House, Frank Earle, Avon Garth and Mark Grimshaw looked after the Stationary Models, which attracted great interest.

The Canteen experienced a very busy afternoon and kept the attendants on their toes.

All too soon the day came to a close and we departed for home, after an afternoon well spent.

WANTED TO BUY

Mr. A.C. Philcox, c/o Vidale Products, 992 Port Road, Albert Park, S.A. (Ph. 45 1247 - 45 2951) wishes to purchase a small horizontal or vertical steam engine, complete with boiler.

After the general meeting on October 11th, Herb Croker entertained the members with his experiences as Chief Wireless Operator on the "Merton Hall" on a voyage to Australia. His attempts to play the gee-gees in Sydney did not prove very profitable and we are wondering if he has seen George Potts lately.

YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

If through an oversight you are in arrears with your 1966-67 subscription. May this notice be a gentle reminder that our Treasurer will be very happy to take your money.

Amount owing

WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to two new Members to S.A.S.M.E.E. Frederick Mabey who was a member of the Salisbury and District S.M. & E.E. interest in Steam Locos and Xaver Carius, Toolmaker and who has built several Stationary Steam engines.

We hope that you will join in all the activities of S.A.S.M.E.E. and experience many happy hours of Modelling.

AN OVERSEAS BULLETIN

I have just received (through the courtesy of Fred Hercus) a copy of "Salisbury Society of Model Engineers" Bulletin.

It is very interesting to read and mention is made of 720 feet of track surveyed, foundations for 120 pillars put in. Beams and sleepers are also mentioned. The track appears to be a combination of ground level and elevated similar to ours as points are not mentioned.

Perhaps Fred can enlighten us further. Altogether a fine Bulletin, proof of the world wide interest in Model Engineering.

WORKING BEES

In view of the approaching Convention members are requested to regularly attend working bees and finalise the list of jobs as outlined in circular.

If you do not have a particular job to work on, please contact John Wakefield or Morrie Turner and they will allot you to a project where your knowledge will be of the greatest use.

Please give this matter your earnest attention and help to make the coming Modellers' Convention the best we have experienced.

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